## CITY OF JORDAN ORDINANCE 2021-13

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 154 ZONING BY AMENDING SECTION 154.999 VIOLATION AND MISDEMEANOR

Subdivision 1. <u>Purpose</u>. City Code Section 154.999 addresses penalties for violations of Chapter 154 Zoning. The City Council for the City of Jordan, Minnesota finds that amendment to City Code Section 154.999 is necessary to reflect stages of enforcement and penalties associated therewith.

Subdivision 2. <u>Amendment</u>. NOW BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Jordan that Section 154.999 of the Jordan City Code is hereby amended as follows:

- (A) If the City staff determines a person has violated Section 154 the City Administrator shall notify the owner and/or the person believed to be responsible for the violation of the and the imposition of an administrative penalty in the amount set by Council for each day thereafter that the violation remains, as a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during which a violation occurs or continues. The written notice shall inform the recipient of his/her right to appeal an administrative penalty under subsection (B). The notice may be served personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the most recent address on file of property owner and/or person believed to be responsible for the violation.
- (B) A person notified of the imposition of an administrative penalty pursuant to subsection (A), may request a hearing before the City Council by submitting a notice of appeal to the City Administrator within 20 days of receipt of written notice of administrative penalty. Following a timely receipt of a written notice of appeal, the person shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing before the City Council. The City Council may affirm, adjust, or waive the administrative penalty. The administrative penalty shall be effective beginning on the date the property owner and/or person believed to be responsible for the violation receipt of the written notification from the City Administrator and continuing until violation is eliminated/resolved to the City's satisfaction, unless adjusted or waived by City Council at the conclusion of an appeal.
- (C) If after the City Administrator has provided written notice of the imposition of an administrative penalty and the appeal period has expired or the administrative penalty was either affirmed or adjusted by the City Council at the conclusion of a timely appeal, and the administrative penalty remains unpaid or the situation creating the alleged violation remains uncorrected the later of thirty (30) days after the expiration of the time to request an appeal hearing or after the date of the appeal hearing, the city, through its Attorney, may bring criminal charges in accordance with state law and this code. Likewise, the city, in its discretion, may bring criminal charges in the first instance, rather than requesting the payment of an administrative penalty, even if a penalty for the particular violation has been established by Council resolution. If the administrative penalty is paid, or if any requested correction of the situation resulting in the violation is completed, no criminal charges shall be initiated by the city for the alleged violation. Any person violating this section may be charged with a misdemeanor. A separate misdemeanor shall be deemed to have been committed upon each day during which a violation of the Code occurs or continues.

Subdivision 3: <u>Effective Date</u>. This ordinance is effective immediately following its publication in the official newspaper of the City.

ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Jordan, Scott County, Minnesota this day of Jordan 2021.

Mike Franklin, Mayor

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Tom Nikunen, City Administrator